

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and in certain instances changing the spelling of words to American spellings.

An early examination of Claims 1-74 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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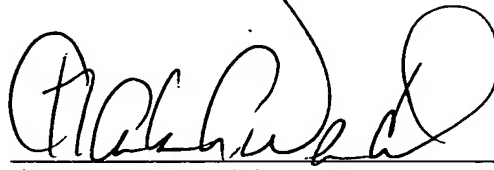
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